

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Examiner's further Office Action of June 8, 2009 issued with respect to the present RCE application, the Applicant respectfully submits the accompanying Amendment of the claims and the below Remarks.

Regarding Amendment

In the Amendment:

independent claim 1 is amended to specify that the primary and secondary entities are in a computer system, that the method steps are carried out in the computer system, and that the first secret key is allocated to only the primary entity such that the second secret key is a variant of the first secret key only ascertainable with knowledge of the first secret key from the primary entity. Support for this amendment can be found at paragraphs [5347], [5369]-[5371] and [5411]-[5426] of the present specification; and dependent claims 2, 3, 5-32 are unchanged.

It is respectfully submitted that the Amendment does not add any new matter to the present application.

Regarding 35 USC 101 Rejections

It is respectfully submitted that the amended independent claim 1, and claims 2, 3 and 5-32 dependent therefrom, recite a process tied to a particular machine based on the amended recitation that the method steps are carried out in the computer system having the primary and secondary entities.

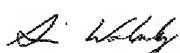
Regarding 35 USC 103(a) Rejections

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of amended independent claim 1, and claims 2, 3 and 5-32 dependent therefrom, is not disclosed or suggested by Wertheimer and/or Schneier in view of newly cited Husemann, because Husemann specifically discloses that the secret master key G is known to both the ticket provider and taker (see col. 2, lines 45-51), and is therefore not allocated to only a first entity as is required by the claimed invention, and neither Wertheimer nor Schneier provide any disclosure which makes up for this deficiency in Husemann.

It is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's rejections have been traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

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